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AGENDA OF:	11-02-10	AGENDA REQUEST NO:	V-B				
INITIATED BY:	KAREN DALY ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER				
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		ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT. HEAD (S):	N/A				
SUBJECT / PROCEEDING:	ADOPTION OF STREETSCAPE POLICY						
EXHIBITS:	POLICY 8000-15						
Ехнівітѕ:	POLICY 8000-15 CLEARANCES		APPROVAL				
EXHIBITS:		EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:	APPROVAL N/A				
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Review and consider the policy establishing a maintenance standard for streetscapes in the City's rights-of-way.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

One of the City's FY10 Strategic Projects was the creation of a comprehensive streetscape policy. The appearance of the City's streetscapes has become a signature identifying element for Sugar Land residents and businesses. In accordance with the Comprehensive Plan Goal of Safe and Beautiful City, the City has created standards for the physical appearance of the streetscapes in Sugar Land. Since 2004, many related policies have been adopted: Streetlight Reimbursement Policy, Urban Beautification Policy, Tree Trimming Policy, Streetlight Banner and Flag Policy, Design Standards, Landscape Master Plans and Water Cost Share Program. All of these policies and programs impact the appearance and maintenance of the City's rights-of-way (ROW).

As the City's street network continues to grow, the need to ensure standards for landscaping, lighting, entryways, tree replacement, ROW use, irrigation management, screen walls, signalization, and maintenance becomes more evident. This policy gives guidance to the construction and maintenance of the City's streetscapes.

This project began in October 2009 with an employee team. The Council Task Force was formed and began meeting in December 2009. The Task Force reviewed the proposed streetscape classifications as well as preliminary cost information. Additional comparative information from First Colony Community Association was obtained. The Task Force continued to meet and reviewed each policy component: landscape, water conservation, traffic signals, street lights, flags & banners, screening, hardscape. The Task Force reviewed the water cost share program and gave direction to transition it to a water conservation program.

The policy establishes four categories: Imperial, Highway 6, Signature and Classic. The Imperial Category has areas directly adjacent to interstate and state highways. It is ultimately designed for harsh conditions and this ROW provides a dramatic green aesthetic to an area where high volumes of traffic travel at higher speeds, particularly on US 59, 90A, and 99. The Highway 6 category includes the different landscape treatments, speeds and adjacent commercial and residential areas along Highway 6. The Signature Category contains roadways that are highly visible in Sugar Land and help visitors and residents know that they are in the city limits. Signature roadways include Austin Parkway Blvd., Brooks Street Commerce Green, Commonwealth, Dulles Avenue, Dairy Ashford, Eldridge Road, First Colony Blvd., Jess Pirtle Road, Lexington Blvd., Settlers Way Blvd., Sugar Creek Blvd. from 59 to Country Club, Sugar Lakes Blvd., Sweetwater, University Blvd., West Airport, and Williams Trace Blvd. The last category, Classic, is defined as the esplanades and entryways in neighborhoods as well as the City's drainage areas that are maintained.

At the July 27, 2010 City Council Workshop, several comments were made regarding the draft policy. Comments included meeting with the impacted homeowner associations (HOAs) as well as developing a transition plan for phasing in the new financial obligations. These changes were then introduced to the impacted HOAs. Since the City views the HOAs as partners in maintaining the City's ROW, subsequent meetings have been held and drafts have continued to be periodically shared with them for comments and questions.

The attached policy provides for equitable distribution of the City's Landscape Reimbursement Program along Signature routes, an emphasis on water conservation, and a consolidation of a variety of policies to help the City design and plan for future improvements. The outstanding issue that remains is the private street lighting systems and its accompanying reimbursement program. This issue will be addressed in the carryover strategic project regarding street lighting reimbursement.

The policy also includes a transition plan that will ease the financial impact to the City as well as to the HOAs that will experience slight decreases in the reimbursement levels. The City Council is requested to approve Resolution 10-51, Streetscape Policy.

EXHIBITS

Adopted by Res. No. Date of adoption:
Effective date:

RESOLUTION NO. 10-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, ADOPTING A STREETSCAPE POLICY ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE BEAUTIFICATION, LIGHTING, LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CITY'S RIGHTS-OF-WAY; REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 08-10 ADOPTING THE URBAN BEAUTIFICATION POLICY; REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 02-28 ADOPTING THE PUBLIC LANDSCAPE WATER COST SHARE PARTICIPATION PROGRAM; AND REPEALING STREET LIGHT REIMBURSEMENT POLICY NO. 8000-07.

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to adopt a policy that establishes standards for the beautification, lighting, landscaping and maintenance of the City's rights-of-way; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS:

- **Section 1**. That Resolution No. 08-10 adopting the Urban Beautification Policy is repealed.
- **Section 2**. That Resolution No. 02-28 adopting the Public Landscape Water Cost Share Participation Program is repealed.
 - **Section 3**. That Street Light Reimbursement Policy No. 8000-07 is repealed.
- **Section 4**. That the City Council adopts the following Streetscape Policy establishing beautification, lighting, landscaping and maintenance standards for the public rights-of-way:

City Council Policy

STREETSCAPE POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Streetscape Policy (Policy) is to establish uniform standards for the beautification, lighting, landscaping and maintenance of City rights-of-way (ROW). As the City's street network continues to grow, the need to ensure ROW standards for landscaping, street lighting, entryways, tree management, use, irrigation management, screening, traffic signals and poles, beautification, and maintenance becomes more evident.

SCOPE

The appearance of the City's streetscapes has become a signature element for Sugar Land residents, businesses, and visitors. In accordance with the City's Comprehensive Plan's goal of a Safe and Beautiful City, the City has worked on creating standards for the physical appearance of the streetscapes in Sugar Land. Since 2004, the City Council has adopted many related internal policies: Urban Beautification Policy, Tree Trimming Ordinance, Streetlight Banner and Flag Policy, Design Standards, Landscape Master Plans and Public Landscape Water Cost Share Participation Program. All of these policies and programs impact the appearance and maintenance of the ROW. The City is also pursuing a Tree City USA designation in recognition of the importance that the City's trees have played in Sugar Land's identity. As the City's treescape ages and requires replacement and rejuvenation, the philosophy regarding the installation of diverse species as well as less uniform, standard planting alignment will begin to be evident.

This Streetscape Policy replaces the following policies:

- (1) Urban Beautification Policy adopted by Resolution No. 08-10 (Policy No. 4000-05);
- (2) Public Landscape Water Cost Share Participation Program adopted by Resolution No. 02-28 (Policy No. 8000-08); and
- (3) Street Light Reimbursement Policy (Policy No. 8000-07).

DEFINITIONS

Drainage Easement – an attachment to a property deed which states that access to part of the property is given to a third party, usually a municipality, for the purpose of maintaining drainage. The drainage easement may include a culvert or drain which feeds into a drainage system or the easement may simply state that runoff needs to be allowed to flow freely over an area of the property. The easement cannot be lifted from the deed unless there are special circumstances, and it will be associated with the deed even when it is transferred or sold.

Hardscape - In regard to landscape development, refers to structures and features such as walls, fences, paving, signs, site furnishings.

Xeriscape - quality landscapes designed to conserve water and protect the environment and are adaptable to local conditions and which are drought tolerant. The principles of Xeriscape include planning and design, appropriate choices of plants, soil analysis which may include the use of solid waste compost, efficient irrigation, practical use of turf, appropriate uses of mulches, gravel or rocks and proper maintenance.

CATEGORIES

To distinguish among the various streetscape treatments along the City's roadways, four categories are established to delineate the different landscape and maintenance standards that are utilized. Those four categories are:

Imperial – This category is designated for the streetscape treatments of areas directly adjacent to interstate and state highways. Ultimately designed for harsh conditions, these areas provide a dramatic green aesthetic to an area where high volumes of traffic travel at higher speeds. These roadways are

U.S. Highway 59, U.S. Highway 90A, and State Highway 99.

Highway 6 – Because infrastructure features on State Highway 6 are a hybrid of both the Imperial and Signature categories, State Highway 6 has its own designation. This designation reflects the important role State Highway 6 plays as the major corridor for the City.

Signature – The heavily travelled boulevard streets in the City have become Sugar Land's trademark. These streets make it easy to distinguish which neighborhoods are located in the City limits. Signature routes are Austin Parkway, Brooks St., Commerce Green Blvd., Commonwealth Blvd., Dulles Avenue, Dairy Ashford Rd., Eldridge Rd., First Colony Blvd., Jess Pirtle Blvd, Lexington Blvd., Settlers Way Blvd., Sugar Creek Blvd. from U.S. Highway 59 to Country Club Blvd., Sugar Lakes Blvd., Sweetwater Blvd., University Blvd., West Airport Blvd., and Williams Trace Blvd.

Classic – The Classic category is entryways into neighborhoods and esplanades along collector streets that are traditionally landscaped by the adjacent homeowner associations as an entry feature and amenity for subdivisions. It is also reserved for drainage easements maintained by the City.

POLICY REQUIREMENTS

The City is the chief steward of the ROW and is responsible for maintaining all public infrastructure within the ROW. The ROW contains many utilities and system improvements. Coordination and standardization helps manage and protect the public investment located in the ROW.

A. <u>Street Lighting</u> - The installation of street lighting is mandatory along all streets within the City limits and the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction in accordance with the City's Development Code and Design Standards. All street lighting systems must include only light fixtures available to the City through CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric (CenterPoint). Street lighting must be placed in accordance with, and must operate at, the photometric intensity recommended by the City's electric service provider in accordance with the Illumination Engineering Society (IES) and the City's Design Standards. Installation of private lighting systems within the ROW or right-of-way within the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction is not allowed. As replacement of grandfathered systems is needed, all systems must be replaced with CenterPoint's systems. For private lighting systems existing on the date of adoption of this Streetscape Policy, a policy for reimbursement is attached as Appendix A.

Imperial: The City owns private lighting systems located along the major highways in Sugar Land. These systems are maintained by the City and have been approved by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

Hwy 6: The lighting along State Hwy 6 will be the black decorative street lights according to the City's Design Standards as approved by TxDOT.

Signature: Two standard lighting systems, approved by CenterPoint, are allowed in the ROW: a black decorative 30' cobra head system and a black decorative 12' lamppost system.

Classic: Two standard lighting systems, supplied by CenterPoint, are allowed in the ROW: a standard 30' cobra head system and a standard 12' noncobra lamppost system.

The City will allow outside entities to request a changeout from the standard lighting system. If approved, the requesting party is responsible for all costs associated with the planning, design,

and construction of the new lighting facilities, including all costs associated with additional lights that may be required to keep lighting levels at the City's standards. The requesting party may apply for funding assistance under the City Council Policy--City Participation with Community-Based Organizations in Joint Capital Improvement Projects adopted by Resolution No. 02-29-A. If the City's annual budget for replacement of CenterPoint lighting becomes available for residential changeouts, the City may use it to help outside entities offset associated changeout costs. Upon changeout, the City is responsible for the operational and maintenance costs associated with the lighting system.

B. <u>Landscaping</u> – Each classification of streetscape – Imperial, Highway 6, Signature, and Classic – has unique levels of landscaping and maintenance. The following defines the distinctive characteristics of each level:

Imperial - Roadways designated as the Imperial category will include shade trees, ornamental trees, large shrub masses, climbing vines on walls, flowering plants for seasonal interest, ground cover plants, and ornamental grasses. The plantings will be designed in curvilinear/freeform spacing to allow for the loss of trees or plants without leaving an obvious gap in the planting. Plants shall be selected for hardiness, low maintenance, and low water requirements. Planting beds and trees, but not turf, will be irrigated with drip line or spray heads. The City is responsible for design, construction, and maintenance of the landscaping and irrigation.

Maintenance will be performed at 44 cycles per year and will include mowing, trimming, edging, weed control, insect control, disease control, litter pick-up, fertilization, tree trimming, plant pruning, irrigation water monitoring and irrigation repair. The irrigation system will have remote access and central control.

Highway 6 – The Highway 6 category will include shade trees, ornamental trees, minimal shrub and ground cover plantings primarily near intersections, and possible vines on sound walls. The City or another entity, such as a developer, homeowners' association (HOA), property owners' association (POA) or other entity, may be responsible for the design, construction or maintenance.

Maintenance will be performed at 44 cycles annually and will include mowing, trimming, edging, litter pick-up, weed control, tree trimming, plant pruning, irrigation water monitoring, and irrigation repair. Irrigation of Highway 6 can include drip or spray irrigation of trees, shrubs, and turf. The irrigation system may have remote access and central control by the City, HOA, POA, or other entity

This level includes a number of roads with regularly-spaced lines of trees along the parkway or in the medians. Often trees will be missing in the tree line because of death of the tree from vehicle crashes, road or utilities repair, addition of turn lanes, or disease or natural causes. Trees that are missing will be replaced if funding can be secured through insurance claims or contractor replacement as a result of the contractor's road or utility work. Replacement planting will incorporate the new tree planting philosophy of diversity and less uniform planting lines.

Signature - Roadways designated in the Signature category will include shade trees, ornamental trees, minimal shrub and ground cover plantings primarily near intersections, and possible vines on sound walls. The City or another entity, such as a developer, HOA, POA or other entity, may be responsible for the design, construction, and maintenance, and irrigation at the Signature level.

Maintenance will be performed at 42 cycles annually and will include mowing, trimming, edging, litter pick-up, weed control, tree trimming, plant pruning, irrigation monitoring, and irrigation repair. Irrigation of Signature level roads may include drip or spray irrigation of trees, shrubs, and turf. The irrigation system may have remote access and central control by the City. However, it is likely that the irrigation system is monitored and controlled by an HOA, POA, or other entity.

This level includes a number of roads with regularly spaced lines of trees along the parkway or in the medians. Often trees will be missing in the tree line because of death of the tree from vehicle crashes, road or utilities repair, addition of turn lanes, or disease or natural causes. Trees that are missing will be replaced if funding can be secured through insurance claims or contractor replacement as a result of the contractor's road or utility work. Replacement planting will incorporate the new tree planting philosophy of diversity and less uniform planting lines.

<u>Landscape Cost Share Program</u>- Annually the City Council may approve funding for a landscape reimbursement program as part of the City's budget that will be available to HOAs or other City Council-approved entities that maintain landscaping on City-owned ROW at the Signature level. The eligibility for the reimbursement will be based on this roadway classification. The reimbursement amount will be based on the number of square feet of ROW maintained by the entity. To be eligible to participate in or continue participating in a Council-approved landscape reimbursement program, the HOA or other Council-approved entity must restore or re-establish landscaping within a reasonable amount of time but not to exceed 120 days of an incident causing the need for replacement.

If landscape and irrigation improvements are initiated by a private entity, the entity must receive prior approval from the City for the improvements in the ROW. A permit from the City must be issued for the improvements in order for the improvements to be eligible for reimbursement. Xeriscape treatment/installation will also be eligible for the cost share program.

Classic - Roadways designated as Classic may include shade trees and ornamental trees, with very minimal landscaping around signs or intersections. Irrigation systems may exist in the ROW but they belong to an entity other than the City. If the ROW is maintained by an HOA, POA, or other entity, it is solely at that entity's expense.

If the ROW is not maintained by another entity, maintenance may be performed by the City. The maintenance at the Classic level is 24 cycles per year and consists of mowing, trimming, and litter pick-up.

- C. <u>Flags and Banners</u> –The City has established a Streetlight Banner and Flag Policy, Policy No. PW-105 (Banner and Flag Policy). Banners are installed only to street light poles as provided in the Banner and Flag Policy. New street lights along "Signature" roadways will be installed at visible intersections according to the CenterPoint specifications and banners installed as set forth in the Banner and Flag Policy. And the City's flag stands will be placed along "Signature" roadways according to the Banner and Flag Policy.
- D. <u>Traffic Signal Poles</u> Decorative (Black) Traffic Signal intersection poles will be the standard within the City limits. The specifications are located within the City Standard Specifications. Galvanized steel traffic signal intersection poles will be the standard within the Industrial Park. Existing galvanized steel intersection poles, not in the Industrial Park, will be included in the

City's Capital Improvement Program based on its life expectancy. Life expectancy will be determined by the date it was installed plus twenty (20) years as a minimum.

E. <u>Hardscape</u> - Hardscape elements include sidewalks, curb ramps, concrete pavers and other hardscape structures such as signs or neighborhood entry features.

Curb Ramps - Curb ramps must meet current accessibility standards. Truncated dome pavers are standard and will be Pavestone "River Red" or similar.

Structures - The right-of-way should be kept clear of obstructions. A Freestanding Sign, wall, fence, neighborhood entry feature, or other permanent structure must not be placed or located within a public easement or public right-of-way unless the City gives its written consent to the encroachment through the issuance of a permit or Consent to Encroachment.

Star and Crown Columns can be used by the City to help motorists and residents identify roadways and entryways of Sugar Land.

Concrete pavers -The City is installing concrete pavers on median tips and at intersections for beautification and functionality. Stained or colored concrete may be installed in lieu of pavers where the distance between the backs of curb is 12" or less. The stain color must match the standard paver color – "Antique Red".

F. Water Conservation - Water conservation should be emphasized with all landscaping and irrigation projects through the use of plants that require minimal water usage (after plant establishment) and properly positioned and angled sprinklers. In order to conserve water, irrigation must not spray onto roadways. All ROW irrigation systems shall follow TCEQ standards, including having a licensed irrigation technician or licensed irrigator on-site when an irrigation system is installed, maintained, altered, repaired, or serviced.

All entities irrigating in City ROW must provide plans and drawings to the City for permitting new irrigation installations according to TCEQ regulations and the City's Design Standards. All plans must include and show the location of an automatic controller and sensors that prevent the operation of irrigation during rainfall or in freezing weather. All new automatically controlled irrigation systems must include sensors or other technology designed to inhibit or interrupt operation of the irrigation systems that require replacement of an existing controller must include a sensor or other technology designed to inhibit or interrupt operation of the irrigation system during periods of moisture or rainfall.

Imperial - The Imperial irrigation is controlled by software connected to a weather station. This system also provides the ability to monitor water usage, to automatically shut off irrigation in the event of rain or major leaks and breaks, and to ensure watering only occurs between the off-peak times. The Imperial classification consists of drip sprinklers, bubblers and limited pop-up sprays. Imperial classification irrigation is only used for bed and tree irrigation and does not include watering of turf.

Highway 6 - The Highway 6 classification includes the irrigation of areas owned or maintained by the City of Sugar Land, POAs and HOAs. The sprinkler apparatuses include spray heads, popups, drip, and bubblers.

Signature - The Signature classification includes the irrigation of areas owned or maintained by the City of Sugar Land, HOAs, POAs, and other entities. The sprinkler apparatuses include spray heads, pop ups, drip, and bubblers.

The City will make available, through the Utility Fund, a water cost reimbursement program to HOAs purchasing water from the City to irrigate the City's ROW. The reimbursement rate will be established by the City and will be based on drought tolerant materials utilizing smart controller technology.

In order to maximize water efficiency, the City will make available a CIP cost-share program to allow HOAs to change out plant materials in the Signature category to achieve improved water conservation. HOAs, POAs and other entities will be provided with a list of plants from which they can choose to plant in esplanades and other landscaped areas. The plants on this list will consist of those native to this region and climate or that are otherwise conservative in water usage. Additional mulch and rock treatments will also be considered.

Classic - The Classic category includes minimal to no irrigation. The majority of Classic ROW areas are only landscaped with turf and do not require irrigation. The areas that are irrigated are limited to HOA and POA property for small areas such as monuments or small decorative entrances to subdivisions.

G. <u>Screening</u> – Screening creates a visual barrier between adjacent uses. In addition to screening required by the City's Development Code, screening or buffering may be achieved with existing vegetation, fences, walls, earthen berms, hedges, new landscaping or a combination that provides an effective visual barrier during all seasons.

During a Capital Improvement Project, it may be necessary to include screening as part of the project if residential areas are impacted. The impact shall be defined by the engineering consultant during design who shall provide a final recommendation to mitigate the impact. This recommendation must be approved by the City Council. This can be addressed by Hardscape or Vegetation or a combination of both. The following standards shall apply to screen or buffer materials:

Hardscape - The standard appearance for hardscape shall be precast concrete panel walls or "Rock Style". The panels shall be dark brown in color (Sherwin Williams 6089 or approved equal) and the fence posts shall be crème/beige/off-white (or approved equal). The height of the wall shall be a maximum of eight (8) feet unless otherwise determined by the design consultant and approved by the City Council

If the HOA, POA, developer, property owner(s) or other entity desires to modify the hardscape standard, the City may elect to pay the cost of the standard hardscape if the HOA, POA, developer, property owner(s), or other entity agrees to build the wall. The wall shall be designed and constructed according to a recommended height by the HOA's, POA's, developer, property owner's or other entity's engineering consultant. The City shall have a right to review and approve the final design prior to construction of the wall. The wall shall be constructed on private property and not in public ROW.

Vegetation - Screening can lessen the visual intrusion that may otherwise occur within an urbanized area. Even minimal screening can provide an impression of separation of spaces, and more extensive screening can shield one use from the visual impact of an adjacent use. New

plant materials shall consist of a combination of deciduous, evergreen, and ornamental trees and shrubs at a density that, at maturity, provides a year round screen and buffer of the subdivision from adjacent roadways and shall satisfy the height and size requirements of the City's Development Code at installation.

Earthen Berms – Berms may be used in combination with hardscape or vegetative screening. They must be completely covered with turf or other vegetation and shall not exceed a three (3) to one (1) slope to allow for maintenance and mowing.

H. <u>Tree Trimming</u> – Trees located in the City's ROW represent an important aspect of the City's streetscape. Tree trimming and inspection will occur based on the roadway's classification.

Imperial: Streets designated as Imperial have large sections of ROW and all plantings will be strategically placed so as to never interfere with the visibility triangle. Trees in these sections will be monitored on an annual basis by City crews and inspected/trimmed on a routine basis by City contractors. These sections will be inspected and trimmed, depending on need, in a five (5) year rotation.

Highway 6: Highway 6 has large sections of ROW and all plantings will be strategically placed so as to never interfere with the visibility triangle. Trees in these sections will be monitored on an annual basis by City crews and inspected/trimmed on a routine basis by City contractors. These sections will be inspected and trimmed, depending on need, in a three (3) year rotation.

Signature: Streets designated as Signature utilize understory plantings and shrubs. Trees planted in these areas should not interfere with street lighting, pedestrian walkways, or the visibility triangle. Trees in these sections will be monitored on an annual basis by City crews and inspected/trimmed on a routine basis. These sections will be inspected and trimmed, depending on need by City contractors or HOAs participating in the Landscape Cost Share Program.

Classic: Generally streets designated as Classic have little existing tree inventory. Entryways typically utilize understory plantings and shrubs. Trees planted in these areas should not interfere with street lighting or the visibility triangle. Trees in these sections will be monitored on annual basis and trimmed as occasion may require.

TRANSITION PLAN

The City recognizes that this policy is a substantial change from the City's existing policies and practices. For that reason, the City has adopted a transition plan in partnership with impacted HOAs to ensure that the new policy continues to promote and maintain the beautiful streetscapes in Sugar Land. The transition plan will expire in 2015 if the implementation is not complete.

APPROVED on	 , 2010.
	
	James A. Thompson, Mayor

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Glenda Gundermann, City Secretary

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Attachment: Appendix A

Appendix A

Grandfathering of Existing Private Lighting Systems

The City has previously provided prorated reimbursements to requesting organizations that own private lighting systems used to light the ROW. These systems and the associated reimbursements will be grandfathered under the following program:

- 1. The reimbursement will be for the operational cost of the equivalent number of standard cobra head streetlights necessary to properly light a street to the City's minimum requirements.
- 2. The organization will be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the decorative lighting system within the ROW and must keep those lighting systems in good working order and aesthetic condition.
- 3. The organization will complete a minimum of one inspection per month of all street lighting to assure proper operation. All light outages identified via the inspection program or reported by others will be repaired within 72 hours after notification.
- 4. The organization will provide annual inspection of all lighting fixtures to evaluate the structural condition and the aesthestic appearance. The organization will take immediate action to correct any structural defects found as a result of this inspection. All work identified to maintain the aesthetics of the fixtures would be completed by the organization within the subsequent year. The results of this inspection will be sent to the Public Works Department.
- 5. The Public Works Department will strictly enforce the provisions within the program through random inspections to ensure compliance. If the organization does not comply with the terms and conditions of the program, the City may withhold a prorated portion of the reimbursement payment based on the time period the organization did not meet the terms and conditions of the program.
- 6. This policy will be administered via annual agreements between the City and the organizations. These agreements will continue for successive one-year terms unless either party terminates the agreement by giving the other written notice 120 days prior to the end of the term. Additionally, all street lighting reimbursement agreements are subject to the annual appropriation of funding by the City Council.

		Current Reimbursement					New Streetscape Policy Reimbursement								
										Landscape		Landscape			
	FY	10 Water	FY10 Landscape				10000	ter Cost	R	eimbursement	Rei	mbursement			
НОА	Co	ost Share	Reimbursement	Streetlight		Total		Share		Phase I		Phase II	Streetlight	Pha	se II Total
AFC															
Chimney Stone	\$	1,440	\$ -	\$ -	\$	1,440	\$	500	\$	1,746	\$	3,492	\$ -	\$	3,992
Colony Grant		3,095	19,144	-		22,239		5,633		29,246		39,349	-		44,982
FCCA		36,466	222,479	120,825		379,771		26,985		205,484		188,489	120,825		336,299
Highlands		-	23,638	-		23,638		2,414		20,250		16,862	-		19,276
Settlers Park			-					5,060		17,670		35,341	-		40,400
Sugar Wood		3,490	23,308	-		26,798		1,681		17,524		11,740	-		13,421
Total AFC		44,492	288,569	120,825		453,886		42,272		291,921		295,274	120,825		458,371
Other HOA															
Ashford Lakes		(2)	2	-		-		641		2,240		4,480	-		5,122
Avalon		10,921	-	50,700		61,621		5,251		18,338		36,675	50,700		92,626
Barrington Place		-		-		-		1,573		5,495		10,990	-		12,564
Commonwealth		8,509		9,945		18,454		11,352		39,646		79,293	9,945		100,589
Glen Laurel		-	-	-		-		1,275		4,454		8,908	-		10,184
Sugar Creek HOA		1,964	17,024	-		18,988		471		16,338		15,651			16,122
Sugar Lakes		6,948	-	-		6,948		1,909		6,668		13,336	-		15,245
Sugar Mill		6,351	-	-		6,351		2,548		8,898		17,796	2		20,344
Telfair		-	-	-		-		5,976		20,872		41,743	-		47,719
Total Other HOA		34,693	17,024	60,645		112,362		30,996		122,949		228,873	60,645		320,515
Total HOA		79,185	305,593	181,470		566,248		73,268	1	414,870		524,147	181,470		778,886
POA					_									_	7.100
FCPOA		-	-	7,488		7,488		-				-	7,488		7,488
Sugar Creek POA		-		7,407		7,407			2				7,407		7,407
Total POA		-		14,895		14,895	_		_	-		-	14,895		14,895
TOTAL	\$	79,185	\$ 305,593	\$ 196,365	\$	581,143	\$	73,268	\$	414,870	\$	524,147	\$ 196,365	\$	793,781